

# SENATE BILL 1020

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By: **Senator Manno**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Death of Vehicle Owner – Certificate of Title Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration, upon the death of a  
4 sole or joint owner of a vehicle, from charging a fee for the issuance of a new  
5 certificate of title for the deceased's vehicle if the new certificate of title is issued  
6 to certain persons; and generally relating to Administration fees for the  
7 issuance of a certificate of title for a vehicle.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Transportation  
10 Section 13–801 and 13–802  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 13–801.

17 [The] **ANY APPLICABLE** fees specified in this part for a certificate of title shall  
18 be paid to the Administration before issuance of the certificate.

19 13–802.

20 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and § 13–805 of this  
21 subtitle, the fee for each certificate of title issued under this title is \$100.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (b)   **(1)**   For fiscal years 2012 through 2014 only, the fee for each certificate  
2 of title issued for a rental vehicle is \$50.

3                   **(2)**   **IF A SOLE OR JOINT OWNER OF A VEHICLE DIES AND THE**  
4 **VEHICLE IS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER PERSON, THE**  
5 **ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT REQUIRE THE PERSON TO PAY A FEE FOR THE**  
6 **ISSUANCE OF A NEW CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR THE VEHICLE IF:**

7                           **(I)**   **IN THE CASE OF A VEHICLE THAT WAS SOLELY OWNED**  
8 **BY THE DECEASED, THE PERSON IS:**

9   1.   **A MEMBER OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF THE**  
10 **DECEASED; OR**

11   2.   **AN HEIR WHO INHERITED THE VEHICLE IN**  
12 **ACCORDANCE WITH THE WILL OF THE DECEASED; OR**

13                                   **(II)**   **IN THE CASE OF A VEHICLE THAT WAS JOINTLY OWNED,**  
14 **THE PERSON IS ANOTHER JOINT OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WHO TOOK**  
15 **OWNERSHIP OF THE VEHICLE THROUGH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP.**

16           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2012.